

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 977

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Patricia Kay Garrison on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Kay Garrison is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-four years with the Blount County Community Action Agency (BCCAA); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrison will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, beginning in a clerical position on June 13, 1988, Kay Garrison dedicated herself to the mission of BCCAA and demonstrated the greatest acumen and alacrity, earning the respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, her proven commitment and tireless efforts led to her promotion to Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program Coordinator on March 8, 1999; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Program Coordinator, Kay Garrison succeeded in identifying the needs of the low income population and developing partnerships with other organizations, such as the United Way Helpline, the House Repair Collaborative, and the Homeless Task Force, and she was integral to the implementation of Results Oriented Management and Accountability for the BCCAA; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these duties, she served as the Title VI Civil Rights Compliance Officer for BCCAA, in which position she provided annual training on civil rights, confidentiality, and enforcement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; and

WHEREAS, she also acted as coordinator for the United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Food Distribution Program, recruiting and training volunteers to assist with quarterly food distribution for low income households; and

WHEREAS, through her work with BCCAA, Kay Garrison has proven herself to be a determined advocate for those in need and has made great strides in community awareness and support for the low income population of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her loving and supportive husband, Ken Garrison; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrison exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Kay Garrison has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Patricia Kay Garrison our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.